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CA PENSION PROTECTION INITIATIVE LAUNCHED.

In a move designed to stop FUTURE raids on the assets of the State pension systems, a coalition of public employee and teachers groups have joined forces with People's Advocate (the anti-tax organization founded by the late Paul Gann) to form "Californians for Pension Protection," or CPP...

...On Oct. 29th the coalition submitted an initiative measure to the AG's office for title & summary. The basic aim of the proposal is to prevent the governor and the CA Legislature from using the assets of the pension systems to balance the budget. The initiative does NOT seek to overturn the recent action by the governor and legislature. That's being dealt with in a separate legal action...

...It's not just Gov. Pete Wilson that has been guilty of raiding the pension funds. Former Gov. Jerry Brown(D) raided PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) to balance the 1981-82 budget; and in 1983, former Gov. George Deukmejian(R) tried to reduce the State's annual payment to STRS (State Teachers' Retirement System) to \$1 to help balance the 1983-84 budget. The CPP plan also prevents the governor and legislature from "packing" the pension fund boards with what CPP calls "politicalcronies."...

...The initiative sponsors hope to qualify the measure for the November 1992 ballot. If approved, the measure would protect \$64.3 billion in the PERS funds and \$30 billion in the STRS money. There are some 900,000 PERS and 453,000 STRS pensioners...

...The coalition has hired two campaign managers to run the effort: Townsend & Company & Wayne Johnson & Associates, both of Sacto. During the qualification stage, the coalition has hired consultant Mike Ganley

to coordinate a VOLUNTEER petition effort. This will be backed up by a direct mail drive; plus a paid petition effort by consultant Kelly Kimball. CPP needs to gather 615,958 names to qualify. Stay tuned...

S.F. MAYOR'S RACE: AGNOS STILL LEADS FIELD IN POLLS, BUT CONTEST WILL GO DOWN TO WIRE.

Editor's note: The Nov. 5th San Francisco municipal election has become a real horse race, with incumbent Mayor Art Agnos, S.F. Co. Sup. Angela Alioto and ex-SFPD chief Frank Jordan locked in a very close contest for mayor. About 50% of the city's 410,000 voters are expected to cast ballots. Here is CALPEEK's final update & analysis...

...A week ago many insiders predicted that incumbent Mayor Art Agnos was a shoo-in to make a runoff. This week all bets ARE OFF. Many insiders now believe that any 2 of the top 3 contenders could be in a runoff. A small group of insiders still feel Agnos will slide in, either 1st or 2nd, but are TOTALLY unsure of who his Dec. 10 runoff opponent will be...

...The latest polls still show Agnos in front: 24% in the S.F. Chronicle poll and 26.2% in the S.F. Examiner poll. Alioto and Jordan are tied at 20% in the Chronicle poll, but Alioto has a slight 17.6% to 15.8% lead over Jordan in the Examiner's poll. S.F. Co. Sup. Tom Hsieh and S.F. Co. Assessor Richard Hongisto are out of it, in single digits in both polls...

...So where's the movement? Some CALPEEK sources think Hongisto supporters, who are rabid ABA types (Anyone But Agnos), may be drifting toward Angela Alioto, while some Hsieh supporters, especially his GOP base,

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may shift toward Jordan in an effort to STOP Alioto. Hsieh is trying to hold on by going after Jordan, but blasting the former chief for going down to the Castro district on the night of the AB 101 demonstrations won't cut it, although it makes great reading. Seems that gays didn't like Jordan trying to make political hay and literally ran him out of the area. In running away, Jordan lost a shoe -- so he's now called Shoeless Frank...

...As for Agnos, his support remains fairly constant at between 24-29%. While that's solid, he has yet to break 30% --- and you know what insiders say about incumbents who are UNDER 50% in the polls. Nevertheless, Agnos has lots of money and a strong field/GOTV operation. And as of late he's even come across as Mr. Nice Guy --- admitting some mistakes. The letter FOR Agnos by U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi(D-S.F.) is said to have been VERY effective...

...The BEST field operation in the race belongs to Jordan and that's where all his money has gone. He does well with moderate and conservatives, seniors and those who fault Agnos for the rise in CRIME. Unfortunately for the former PD chief, the S.F. Police Officers Assn. just endorsed Alioto. This endorsement is what worries the conservatives who now support Hsieh. Despite the SFPOA endorsement, there's a feeling on the street that rank & file cops who live in the city will vote for Jordan...

...Alioto, despite the 1986 campaign funding flap, still looks strong. Her base of gays & lesbians, progressives and women appears to be holding --- but like Jordan, she has weak spots. Hongisto blasted her at the Oct. 27 TV debate for her past support of 2 GOP Deukmejian-appointed male judges over 2 female challengers, both of whom are lesbians (Donna Hitchens beat one of the incumbent judges). Alioto's reply was very weak --- she says she supported the two men because they were "family friends." Ohhhh...

BOTTOMLINE: The situation in S.F. is very fluid. Another TV debate (taped Nov. 1, but shown Nov. 3 on KRON-TV) could have an impact, as could a radio debate on KQED on Monday, Nov. 4. CALPEEK rates the contest as a TOSS UP. Stay tuned...

CLOSE RACE IN RUNOFF FOR SAN DIEGO COUNCIL.

In the Sept. 19th primary, there were very few insiders who predicted that political activist Valerie Stallings would finish in front of incumbent San Diego Councilman Bruce Henderson. But she did and in the past few weeks there has been a hot and furious runoff between these two. The runoff is set for Nov. 5 and it will be very, very close...

...Who wins? Depends on who you talk to, but there is no doubt that Henderson is running scared, despite the fact that he will again outspend Stallings by a considerable amount --- when INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES are added in. Stallings is getting help from Peter Navarro, who wants to run for San Diego mayor next year...

...Henderson, a conservative councilman, thinks that in the primary "his" people did NOT vote. Just how conservative is his district? Most sources say it's a moderate area, thus insiders are wondering if the NRA's endorsement of Henderson means much. In fact, the NRA endorsement could be a negative. Another negative is Henderson's campaign manager, Jim Sills, on leave from his city hall job with Henderson. Seems that Sills and a 78-year-old anti-Henderson gentleman "made contact" during a Ban The Bruce demonstration and the gentleman ended up on the pavement. There are differing opinions as to what happened, but it didn't look good in the press...

...But it's not any specific incident that has insiders thinking that Stallings may pull an upset. In the Sept. 19th primary, incumbent Councilman Wes Pratt was defeated and in the 1989 city elections, two other incumbent councilmembers were knocked off. So there is this feeling that incumbents should be placed on the "endangered list." Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 1991.

There will be newsletters for each MONDAY in November (4th, 11th, 18th & 25th). We will take off Thanksgiving week, so there will not be a CALPEEK for Dec. 2nd. Our last issue of the year will be dated Dec. 9, 1991 --- that will be issue #45. Yes, we know we're only scheduled for 44 issues a year, but what can we say. CALPEEK's first issue of the New Year will be dated Jan. 6, 1992 -- Volumn XIV. Stay tuned...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: FIREARMS OWNERSHIP.

Editor's note: Here is an update on ballot measure activity for 1992:

- "FIREARMS OWNERSHIP" is the official title of a constitutional amendment submitted by State Sen. Don Rogers(R-Bakesfield) and Bernadine Smith, who is treasurer of a group called the 2nd Amendment Committee (209)584-5209. If approved, this measure would prohibit public officials, the CA Legislature or any public body from "denying, curtailing, prohibiting or taxing the right of the people to keep and bear arms." It would also prohibit registration of guns or ammunition. Rogers and Smith need to collect 615,958 signatures by Mar. 20th in order to make the November 1992 ballot...

- Here is a list of measures that are still out in the field, with signature deadline dates. So far, the Secretary of State's office reports that NO initiatives have qualified for June 1992. C/A means constitutional amendment.

Health Care	due 10/31/91	C/A
Sports Wagering	due 11/4/91	C/A
Legal Practices	due 11/15/91	C/A
Wrks. Vacation	due 12/6/91	C/A
Forest Forever	due 12/16/91	Statute
Campaign Limits	due 1/13/92	Statute
Initiatives	due 2/7/92	C/A
Terminal Illness	due 3/5/92	Statute
Executions	due 3/13/92	C/A

CMA DROPS ITS HEALTH INSURANCE MEASURE, BUT AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN IS ALREADY IN THE WORKS

As some CALPEEK sources had suggested in last week's edition, the CA Medical Assn. (CMA) has dropped plans to launch an initiative that would have provided basic, low-cost HEALTH INSURANCE to about 5-6 million Calif. workers who are not covered. The proposal was very controversial and might have cost the business community a small fortune...

...Why did CMA drop the initiative? The poor state of Calif.'s economy had much to do with the decision, as did the feeling that voters might REJECT any initiative that required taxpayer funding. And yes, under the CMA proposal, there was a section of the initiative that called for subsidies to small businesses who could not afford

to provide the health insurance. Add to this the opposition from the business community and the lack of support from the powerful Health Access coalition, and the prospects for winning didn't look good...

...What next? CMA has challenged its opponents to come up with a plan --- and although he wasn't an opponent per se, the president of the AIDS Health Care Foundation, Michael Weinstein, has submitted a health insurance measure to the AG's office for title & summary. If all goes according to plan, Weinstein hopes to be on the November 1992 ballot...

...Two years ago he tried the same thing, but couldn't get past the wording of a 34-page monster. This time Weinstein is keeping it short and simple --- only 2-pages. Under his plan, it will be up to the CA Legislature to draft the law, but there are some groundrules in Weinstein's plan, such as NO NEW TAXES. Part of the cost will be paid for by a MANDATED 5% reduction in current medical costs...

...Does Weinstein have backing? He says YES and feels he can raise the necessary bucks to hire petition manager Kelly Kimball. Stay tuned...

DEUKMEJIAN RELATIVE TO RUN AGAINST LOWERY.

GOP U.S. Rep. Bill Lowery(San Diego) may have his hands full this coming June when he faces Ray Saatjian, a small businessman and flower grower. He's Gov. George Deukmejian's relative (Saatjian is actually Gloria Deukmejian's cousin). Some GOP insiders think Lowery is "term limits waiting to happen." Lowery got just 49.24% against Demo Dan Kripke (43.58%) and P&F candidate Karen Works (7.18%) in 1990. Stay tuned...

JACOB TO RUN FOR SAN DIEGO CO. SUPERVISOR.

The past president of the CA School Board Assn., Dianne Jacob, has resigned her job as a top deputy to San Diego Co. Supervisor George Bailey and says she will run for his seat next year. Bailey, who has been on the board for 2 terms, is supposed to announce his future political plans at the beginning of next year. Jacob has already hired The Primacy Group in San Diego to run her campaign. Others mentioned as possible contenders for this seat include Sante Mayor Jack Doyle and PRO-life activist Bonnie Kibee...

L.A. COUNTY DA RACE AWAITS HAHN'S DECISION.

All eyes in L.A. County are now turned on L.A. City Atty. James Hahn --- waiting to find out whether or not he will challenge incumbent DA Ira Reiner next year. A Hahn vs. Reiner match could be the mother of all political battles. Hahn had previously said he was NOT going to challenge Reiner, but in recent weeks, at the request of his supporters, he is now giving the race a SECOND LOOK. Hahn has even commissioned a poll by Greenberg-Lake...

...Politically, Hahn can wait until January before making a decision. However, if he delays until the first of the year and THEN backs out, it will be very hard to oust Reiner, despite the polling data which shows the incumbent's reelect number at a dismal 19%. Why would it be hard? Because challengers other than Hahn need to begin raising campaign warchests now and Hahn's possible entry into this race is causing key contributors to hold off giving money until Hahn makes a move...

...Reiner, of course, isn't wasting time. He's already hired fundraiser John Plaxco and has a big dinner set at the Bistro Gardens in Beverly Hills on Nov. 13. And although he has yet to hire a campaign manager, sources think the odds are GOOD that Barbara Johnson will take a leave from her DA's staff job to manage the campaign...

...Despite the tough financial times, at least two of the challengers are forming campaign teams. Beverly Hills Councilman Robert Tanenbaum has recently hired pollsters Evans/McDonough. Fundraiser Irene Tritschler is already aboard as is campaign coordinator Gloria Grossman. P.S. The Campaign Group is no longer working for Tanenbaum...

...Former Chief Deputy DA Gil Garcetti has already hired pollsters Fairbank-Maullin and is close to hiring a manager to oversee the campaign. Sources think it is likely Garcetti would drop out if Hahn runs...

...Deputy DA Stirling Norris has been very quiet in recent months, although sources say he's still very much interested in running. Money is a key problem for Norris. As for L.A. Co. Superior Court Judge J.D. Smith and Beverly Hills Municipal Court Judge Charles G. Rubin, both are still look-

ing carefully, but have not made any final decisions. Sources say Smith leans TOWARD RUNNING and will make an announcement on or about Nov. 25. Smith would be an interesting and colorful candidate. He personally likes Reiner, but thinks the DA, along with some of the other candidates, are a "bunch of born-again crime fighters." Remember, the 55-year-old Smith is a former LAPD cop who used to be Ed Davis's top assistant when Davis was chief. He was still a cop (and a conservative GOPer) when Demo Gov. Jerry Brown appointed him to the municipal court. He was the first active duty cop in the U.S. to be appointed to a judgeship. Stay tuned...

L.A. CO. SUP. HAHN TO RETIRE AFTER 40 YRS.

After 10 terms on the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, veteran Sup. Kenneth Hahn has announced that he WON'T SEEK an 11th term in 1992. Word of Hahn's decision leaked on Oct. 30th. Hahn is the father of L.A. City Atty. James Hahn...

...The announcement will surely set off a mad scramble to succeed the elder Hahn on the board. State Sen. Diane Watson has already announced her intent to run and CALPEEK sources believe it is likely that U.S. Reps. Julian Dixon and Maxine Waters, as well as former Congresswoman Yvonne Burke, also will jump in. Stay tuned...

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